

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(2), Applicants hereby submit a clean version of the section entitled “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION” as amended. A separate marked up version of this section under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(2)(iii) is also submitted herewith.

Please amend the application by deleting the section entitled “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION” on page 1, lines 7-12 and replace such deleted section with the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/988,137, filed December 23, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/954,355, filed October 20, 1997, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/437,348, filed May 9, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,679,519), all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-77.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), Applicants hereby submit a clean version of the pending claim in this application for the Examiner's convenience:

1. A microparticle comprised of an electrically conductive material having (a) one or more copies of an assay-ligand immobilized on its surface and (b) a plurality of chemiluminescent moieties immobilized on its surface.